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Note verbale dated 27 November 2001 from the Permanent Missions of Canada and the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Canada and the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations present their compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and have the honour to transmit herewith the "*The Princeton Principles on Universal Jurisdiction*" (see annex). "*The Princeton Principles on Universal Jurisdiction*" are the result of an examination of international law on the issue of universal jurisdiction by various scholars and experts over a one-year period.

The Permanent Mission of Canada and the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations would be grateful if the Secretary-General would have "*The Princeton Principles on Universal Jurisdiction*" distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 164.

The Permanent Mission of Canada and the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands believe that "*The Princeton Principles on Universal Jurisdiction*" provide a helpful framework for analysis of the concept of universal jurisdiction and that other Member States would be interested in reflecting further on the issues raised by the document.

The Permanent Mission of Canada and the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands are of the opinion that "*The Princeton Principles on Universal Jurisdiction*" raise interesting issues in an increasingly important area of international criminal law, specifically the national prosecution of perpetrators of serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law. Distribution of the Principles provides an excellent opportunity for the international community to engage in further discussion on the issue of universal jurisdiction.

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